

Proceedings

Blue Mountain Distribution System Annual Meeting

March 3, 1972 San Juan County Courthouse, Monticello 11:00 a.m.

The annual meeting of the water users of the Blue Mountain Distribution System was held on March 3, 1972 at 11:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the San Juan County Courthouse, Monticello. The following persons were in attendance:

Hubert C. Lambert - State Engineer, Salt Lake City
Kenward H. McKinney - Division of Water Rights, Price
Leon Adams - Pioneer Ditch & Verdure
James M. Scorup - Spring Creek
Cecil Jones - Blue Mountain Irrigation Company
Francis Barton - Verdure
L. Ashton Harris - Dodge Point Irrigation Company
Don R. Barton - Dodge Point Irrigation Company & Verdure
Max Dalton - Blue Mountain Irrigation Company
John Lewis - Dodge Point Irrigation Company
DeVere Halls - Blue Mountain Irrigation Company
Clyde M. Barton - Verdure
Karl Barton - Verdure
Evan Pehrson - Pioneer Irrigation Company

The meeting was opened by Mr. Lambert who gave a short summary of the water supply outlook for the state. Mr. Lambert then turned the chair over to Max Dalton the Chairman of the distribution system committee.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Mr. McKinney. It was moved by James Scorup and seconded by Max Dalton to accept the minutes as read. The voting was unanimous for the motion.

The financial report was then read by Mr. McKinney. It was moved and seconded that the financial report be accepted as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Don Barton then brought to the floor the question of individual assessments versus one assessment to the Verdure Creek committee member as has been the practice to date. Mr. Barton indicated that to date he, as the Verdure Creek committee member, had been receiving and paying the assessment on the Verdure Creek portion of the system. He indicated that in some instances he had not been reimbursed by the individual water users. After some discussion John Lewis moved and Francis Barton seconded that each Verdure user and the Dodge Point Irrigation Company as a company be assessed individually. The motion carried unanimously. Don Barton was to advise the Southeastern Area Office of the Division of Water Rights of the names of the Verdure Creek water users and the percentage of the assessment for Verdure Creek that each user was to pay. Except for this change, the assessment method for 1972 will be the same as in 1971.

Mr. McKinney then read the commissioners report, which was unanimously approved as read. Mr. McKinney indicated that the present commissioner, Mr. Don Rogers, had indicated that he desired a raise if he was to continue as commissioner. He also indicated that there was a possibility that he would be transferred to Moab, in which case he would be unable to act as commissioner. He had indicated that he wished compensation on the order of \$150.00 per month plus mileage during the distribution season. It was pointed out that if the distribution season lasted 4 months it would probably be necessary to perhaps double the present budget and assessment. Mr. Lambert also indicated there might be some problem with Phase II controls if it was decided to grant such a raise.

The Budget and Assessment were then discussed. It was suggested that the commissioners compensation be set at \$275.00 for the season and that the mileage be paid for at the rate of 12¢/mile. The 1972 budget was suggested as follows:

1972 Budget Item No.	Description of Budget Item Expenditure	Amount
1.	Commissioners Compensation	\$275.00
2.	Commissioners Travel Expense @ \$0.12/mile	72.00
3.	Bonds & Insurance Premiums	15.00
4.	Commissioners Annual Report	25.00
5.	Miscellaneous Expenditures	<u>13.00</u>
	Total Budget	\$400.00

It was suggested that, in view of a balance in the trust fund of \$48.00, the assessment be made the same as 1971, or \$375.00. Don Barton moved and Jim Scorup seconded that the budget for 1972 be set at \$400.00 and the assessment be made at the 1971 rate of \$375.00 for the season as outlined above. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that the chairman and board of directors of the distribution system be continued as now constituted. The motion passed unanimously. The Chairman and Board of Directors of the Blue Mountain Distribution System is as follows:

Chairman & Blue Mountain Irrigation
Company representative

Max Dalton

Verdure Creek representative

Don Barton

Pioneer Irrigation Company representative	Ernest Sonderegger
Carlisle Ranch	Alfred Frost
Spring Creek	DeReese Nielson

During the meeting it was mentioned that 1972 assessments would be delinquent if not paid by the first day of May, 1972 and that no water would be delivered to delinquent accounts as provided in Section 73-5-1, Utah Code Annotated, 1953. The individual assessments would be mailed prior to April 1, 1972.

During the meeting, measuring devices were discussed. Mr. Lambert indicated that measuring devices would be ordered to be installed at all diversions sometime this year. Mr. McKinney was to provide the distribution system committee with data which might be available on prefabricated measuring devices which might be available locally (within Utah).

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Max Dalton and/or Don Barton were to meet with Don Rogers to ascertain if he would accept the commissioners position under the conditions indicated. If Mr. Rogers were unable to accept the commissionership, the committee would convey their recommendation for commissioner to the State Engineer through the Area Engineer, Mr. McKinney, at a meeting to be held with the Area Engineer sometime during the period March 21-23, 1972. The time and place for the meeting was to be arranged by the Area Engineer and the Board Chairman.